



## Celebrating the Liturgy

### Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Saturday 6 pm.

#### Sunday

9.00 am; 10.30 am; 12 noon

#### Weekday Masses

Mon to Fri: 9.30 am Sat: 12 noon.

#### No Evening Masses

From 2nd July to 24th August

### Reconciliation

Saturday Confessions

12.30pm – 1.00 pm.

5.30pm – 5.55pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

Will cease from

2<sup>nd</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August

### Marriages

6 months notice required.

Please contact Fr O'Donnell

### Parish Baptisms

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 2pm**

*One month's notice required.* Please contact the Parish Office.

## Welcome! St Brigid's Parish

The Welcome Booklet is in need of updating a task which the Parish Pastoral Council is carrying out over the summer.

All the organisations with an entry in the Booklet have been contacted and asked to return any revisions to the Parish Office by Friday 17 August.

Any organisations not included but which is thought should be, please, get in touch with the Parish Office as soon as possible.

### Youth Ministry Social Media

Follow the below accounts to be kept up to date with some exciting programmes that will be coming up in the four parishes who share in our Youth Ministry Project.



@SEBelfastCYM



## Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

**Parish Priest:** Very Reverend Edward O'Donnell. Tel: 028 9066 5409

**Parish Office:** Tel: 028 9066 5409; 9.00-1.00pm Week Days

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**Parish Website:** [www.stbrigidsparishbelfast.org](http://www.stbrigidsparishbelfast.org)

### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

5th August 2018 Psalter Week II.

#### Introduction

The readings from Exodus and John are about *justice and holiness*: providing all the people with our *daily bread*, and satisfying our spiritual hunger with "*the food that remains unto life eternal.*"

These readings suggest that there is a connection between the 'justice' issue of hunger and the 'holiness' issue of the Eucharist.

#### **First Reading:** Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

This miraculous feeding of the Israelites in the desert was an act of mercy for these weary and frustrated people.

*"I will rain down bread for you from the heavens."*

#### **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 77

**R/. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

#### **Second Reading:** Ephesians 4:17.20-24

St Paul urges the Gentile converts from Ephesus to stop living the way they used to as pagans who did not know the true God. Their lives were totally opposed to living in the communion with God.

*"Put on the new self that has been created in God's way."*

#### **Gospel:** John 6:24-35

Jesus responds with one of his great, "I am" statements, saying, "I am the bread of life." He identifies himself with God himself, using the divine

*name. The bread he will give is himself.*

*"Those who come to me will never be hungry;*

*Those who believe in me will never thirst."*

**Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:**

Gerard McClure, David Hunt, Peter McGloin, Dominic Murray  
*who died recently*

Kay Carberry, JJ Murphy, John McCann, Patrick Montague,  
Charles & Mary McRandal, George Copeland, Ronnie Huston &  
Sarah Higgins *whose anniversary's are at this time.*

**May they rest in peace.**

**In a Community, in a Family**

The life of a family is filled with beautiful moments: rest, meals together, walks in the park or the countryside, visits to grandparents or to a sick person... But if love is missing, joy is missing, nothing is fun. Jesus always gives us that love: he is its endless source. In the sacrament he gives us that love: he is its endless source. In the sacrament he gives us his word and he gives us the bread of life, so that our joy may be complete.

We cannot grow up by ourselves, we cannot journey on our own, in isolation; rather, we journey and grow in a community, in a family. And so it is in the Church! In the Church we can listen to the Word of God with the assurance that it is the message that the Lord has given us; in the Church we can encounter the Lord in the sacraments which are the open windows through which the light of God is given to us, steams from which we can draw God's very life; in the Church we learn to live in the communion and love that comes from God.

**Parish Offertory Collection:** 29th July £5,513

*Thank you for your continued support.*

**ST BRIGID'S PARISH - VACANCY – PARISH SECRETARY**

St Brigid's Parish is seeking to recruit a Parish Secretary for 35 hours per week – work pattern to be agreed. Details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website from 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018 and can be accessed by clicking on the tab: JOB VACANCIES. Terms and Conditions relating to the role can be accessed there, together with the Role Profile and Employment Application form. Application packs are also available from St Brigid's Parish Office.

Applications are welcome from anyone who feels they meet the criteria advertised on the Role Profile and are interested in playing an active part within the Parish.

Closing date for receipt of applications will be 12.00 noon on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

**N.B. Parishioners Attending 9.30am Mass on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> August.**

The Church Car Park will be closed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August – a contractor will be remarking the parking bays. Please use the Parish Centre Car Park entering by the Derryvolgie Avenue gate. We apologise for the inconvenience and thank you for your co-operation.

To mark the opening of the week of the World Meeting of Families (21<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> August) there will be a Family Mass for the South and East Belfast Parish Pastoral Community in **Good Shepherd Church on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August at 7.30pm.** The Mass will be concelebrated by the priests of the Parish Pastoral Community and everyone is warmly invited to participate. More details later.

**Food Bank Collection**

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses today  
**4th/5<sup>th</sup> August 2018.** Thank you for your support.

**This Is Palestine screening**

Join Trócaire at the Féile an Phobail for the screening of 'This Is Palestine' on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August** at 7pm in St Mary's University College. This documentary follows Riverdance founder John McColgan on a journey through Gaza and the West Bank. There will be a discussion afterwards with John McColgan and Seán Farrell, Director of Trócaire's International Division. It is free and all are welcome.

**Challenge of Pope Francis to the Church in Ireland**

**A public lecture by**

**John Allen Jr**

**on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> August, at 7.30pm**

**St. Brigid's Parish Centre.**

John Allen is the editor of CRUX, specializing in coverage of the Vatican and the Catholic Church. He is a greatly respected international speaker on Catholicism. In 2014 he was the keynote speaker at the inaugural Down and Connor Faith and Life Convention. In his lecture, to mark the World Meeting of Families, John will reflect on Pope Francis' recent writings and their challenge for us in Ireland. Everyone welcome.